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After nearly 30 years, Lee Harvey Oswald got his day in court.

The American Bar Association, in a mock trial at their convention, applied new technology to an old debate.

But the results were inconclusive: The jury deadlocked after 2 1/2 hours: seven jurors voting guilty, five to acquit.

The trial asked only one question: Did Oswald fire the shot that killed Kennedy?

There were two days of testimony by "witnesses" - portrayed by actors - and a computer-enhanced version of the home movie of the 1963 Dallas assassination.

The video, supporting the "single bullet theory," was pivotal for some jurors.

But five balked, saying:

- The theory Oswald fired a single, magic bullet was unbelievable.
- His motive for killing Kennedy was unclear.
- Many doubts remain.

Says the ABA's Theodore Tetzlaff: "The verdict is a pretty good indication of how people generally feel."

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